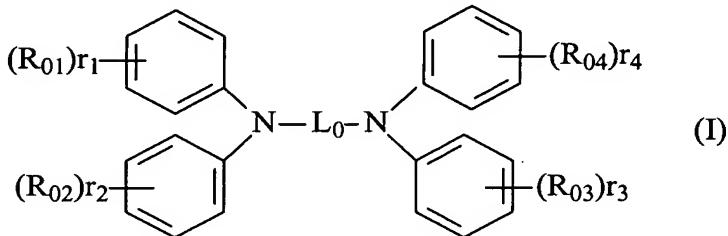


IN THE CLAIMS

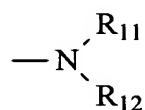
Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An organic EL device comprising a cathode, an anode, and at least one organic compound layer,
wherein the organic compound layer comprises an organic compound represented by formula (I):



L₀ is substituted or unsubstituted *o*-, *p*-, or *m*-phenylene groups *p*-phenylene group
having two rings;

- r₂ and r₄ are each an integer of from [[1-5]] 1-2,
- R₀₂ and R₀₄ are each ~~an alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy group, or define a fused aromatic ring a methoxy or phenoxy, when r₂ and r₄, respectively, are each 1, or together with the phenyl group bonded thereto each form a naphthyl group, when r₂ and r₄, respectively, are each 2,~~
- r₁ and r₃ equal 1, and
- R₀₁ and R₀₃ are each a diarylamino group having the following formula:



where R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each ~~a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group~~.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The organic EL device of claim 12, wherein L_0 is a 4,4'-biphenylene group.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim 13, further comprising at least two organic compound layers, wherein the organic compound layer comprising an organic compound ~~of represented by~~ formula (I) is a hole injecting and transporting layer.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim 13, further comprising three or more layers comprising at least one organic compound layer having a function of injecting holes and at least one organic compound layer having a function of transporting holes, wherein:

the organic compound layer having said function of injecting holes comprises said organic compound ~~of represented by~~ formula (I).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The organic EL device of claim 14, wherein at least one layer of said at least two organic compound layers comprises a light emitting layer containing a hole transporting compound and an electron transporting compound.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The organic EL device of claim 16, wherein said light emitting layer is disposed between an organic compound layer having a function of injecting holes and/or transporting holes and an organic compound layer having a function of transporting electrons and/or injecting electrons.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The organic EL device of claim 14 comprising a hole injecting electrode, at least one organic compound layer having a function of injecting and transporting holes, an organic compound layer having a function of transporting holes, a light emitting layer, and an electron injecting electrode laminated on said hole injecting electrode in the described order.

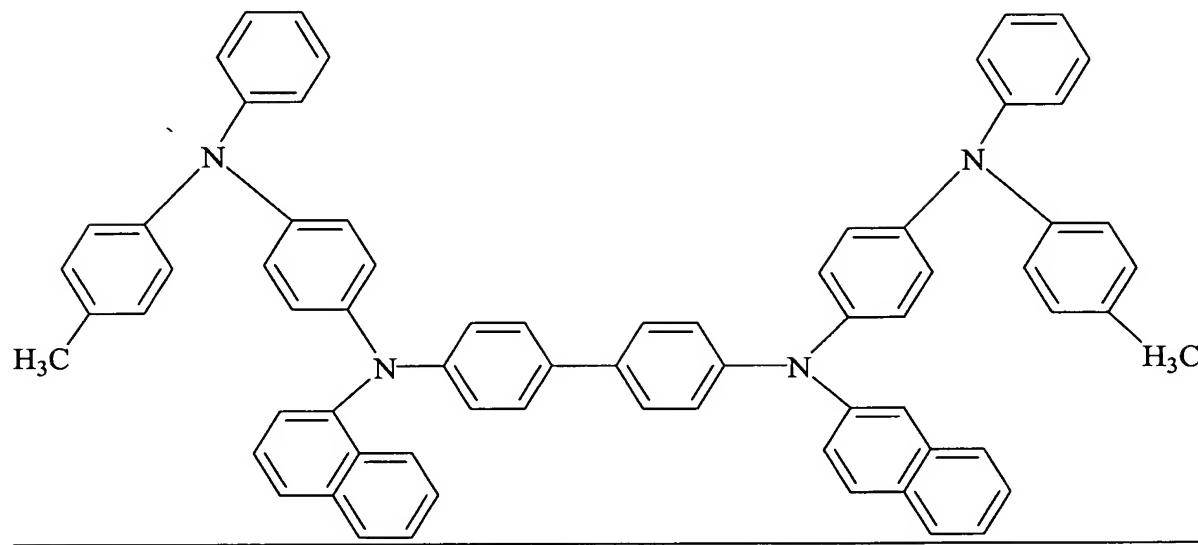
Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim [[15]] 12 comprising a hole injecting electrode, at least one organic compound layer comprising said compound of formula (I), a light emitting layer, and an electron injecting electrode laminated on said hole injecting electrode in the described order.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim 14, wherein ~~said hole injecting and transporting layer each of said at least one organic compound layer comprising said compound of formula (I)~~ has a thickness of at least 100 nm.

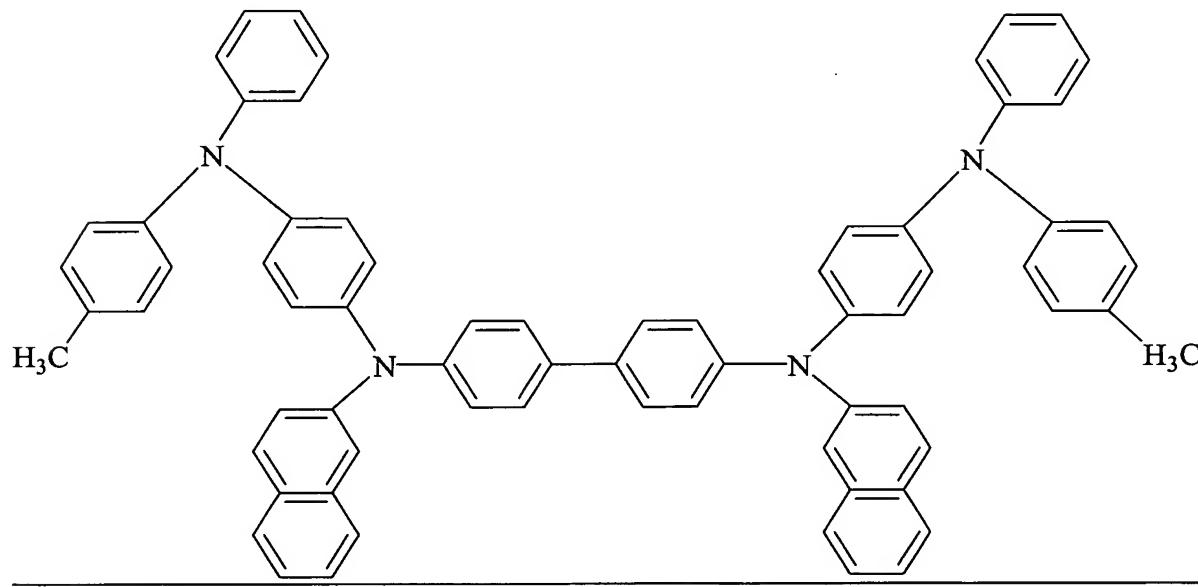
Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The organic EL device of claim 16, wherein said layer comprising said organic compound represented by formula (I) has a Hole mobility of at least $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$.

Claims 22-23 (Canceled).

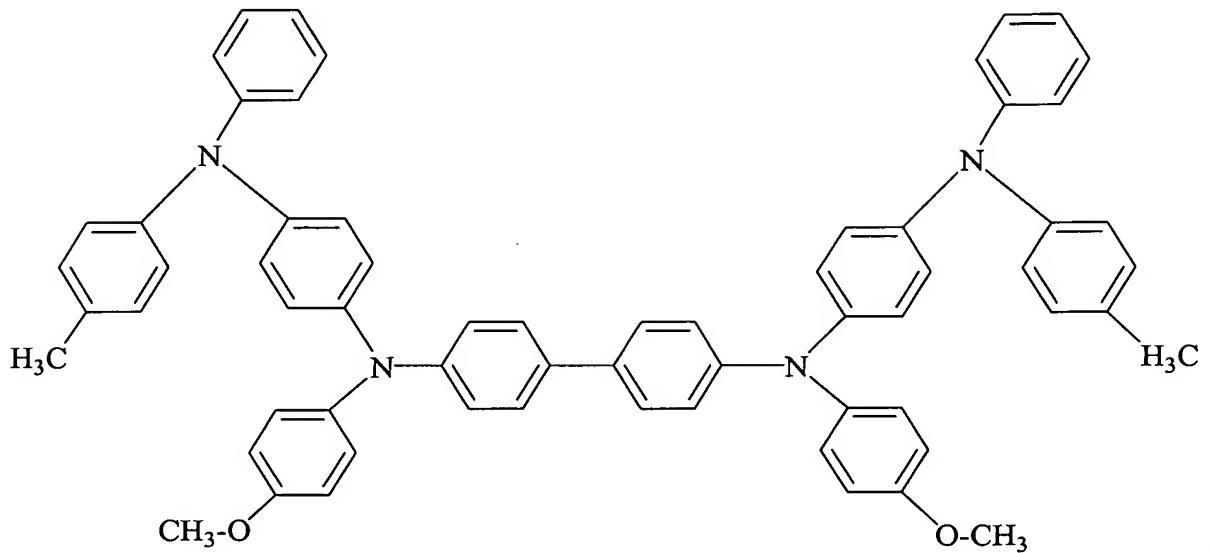
Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim 13, wherein the organic compound is ~~compound no. 297 as described in Table 55 of the specification~~



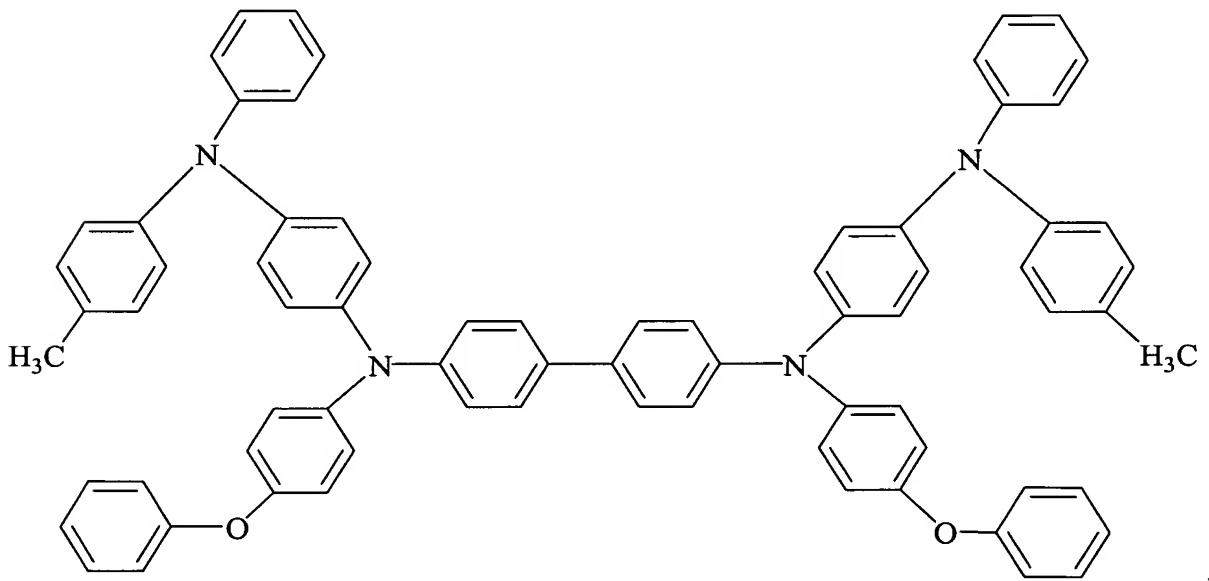
Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim 13, wherein the organic compound is ~~compound no. 298 as described in Table 55 of the specification~~



Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim 13, wherein the organic compound is ~~compound no. 299 as described in Table 55 of the specification~~

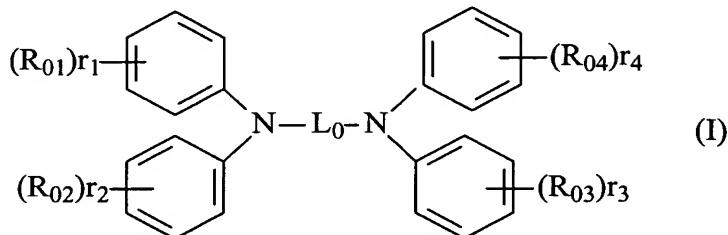


Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The organic EL device of claim 13, wherein the organic compound is ~~compound no. 300 as described in Table 55 of the specification~~



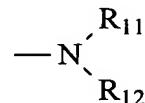
Claim 28 (New): An organic EL device comprising a cathode, an anode, and at least one organic compound layer having a function of injecting holes and at least one organic compound layer having a function of transporting holes,

wherein the organic compound layer having said function of injecting holes comprises an organic compound represented by formula (I):



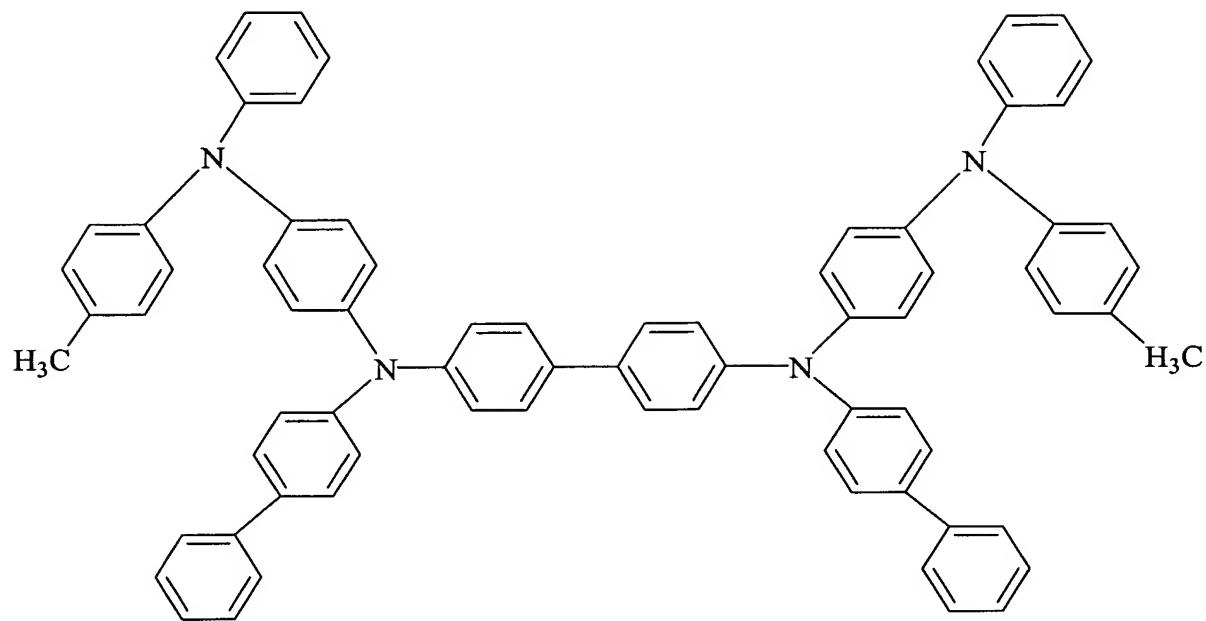
L_0 is substituted or unsubstituted p-phenylene group having two rings;

- r_2 and r_4 are each 1,
- R_{02} and R_{04} are each phenyl,
- r_1 and r_3 are each 1, and
- R_{01} and R_{03} are each a diarylamino group having the following formula:

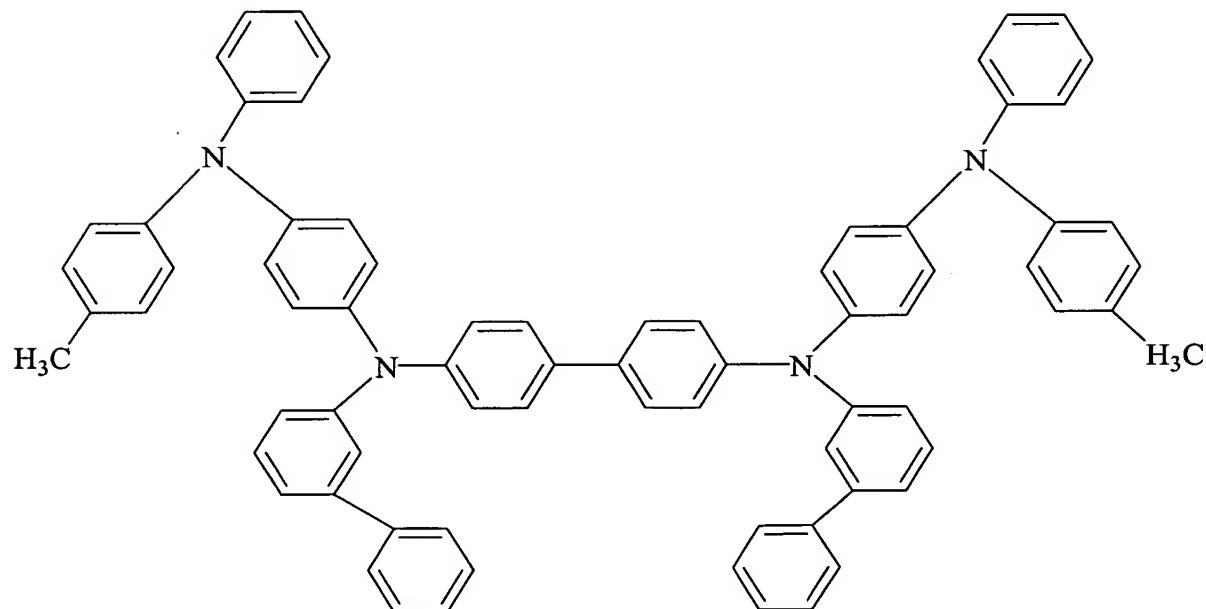


where R_{11} and R_{12} are each an aryl group.

Claim 29 (New): The organic EL device of claim 28, wherein the organic compound is



Claim 30 (New): The organic EL device of claim 28, wherein the organic compound is



DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 12 has been amended by limiting L_0 to p-phenylene group having two rings; limiting r_2 and r_4 to an integer of from 1-2; limiting R_{02} and R_{04} to methoxy or phenoxy when r_2 and r_4 are 1, or together with the phenyl group bonded thereto to each form a naphthyl group, when r_2 and r_4 are each 2; and by limiting R_{11} and R_{12} to an aryl group, as supported in the specification by, for example, Compound Nos. 297-300 of Table 55. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended by replacing “of” with the equivalent --represented by--. Claim 19 has been amended to depend on Claim 12. Claim 20 has been amended to recite that each of the at least one organic compound layer comprising the compound of formula (I) has a thickness of at least 100 nm, and is supported by, for example, original Claims 4 and 9. Claims 22 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 24-27 have each been amended to recite the structure of the corresponding compound.

New Claims 28-30 have been added. Claim 28 is analogous to Claim 12, but contains the limitations of original Claim 4, and wherein the organic compound represented by formula (I) is supported in the specification by, for example, Compound Nos. 295 and 296 of Table 55. Claims 29 and 30 are supported by said Compound Nos. 295 and 296, respectively.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 12-21 and 24-30 are now pending in the application.